

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend all those who responded to the needs of Macon, Sumner, and Trousdale Counties after the tornadoes of February 5, 2008, for their heroic service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through public service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and individuals responded to their neighbors' need for help in the wake of the terrible tornadoes that struck Macon, Sumner, and Trousdale Counties on February 5, 2008, and they deserve proper recognition for their heroism and willingness to risk themselves in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, those organizations that bravely assisted the people of Macon County are the Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Emergency Communications Center, the Sumner County Emergency Management Agency, the Southeast Community Volunteer Fire Department, the Sumner County Sheriff's Office, the Gallatin Fire Department, the Gallatin Police Department, the White House Community Volunteer Fire Department Station 51, the Gallatin Public Works Department, the Hendersonville Police Department, the Hendersonville Fire Department, the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department, the City of Westmoreland, the

Goodlettsville Police Department, the Goodlettsville Fire Department, the Goodlettsville Public Works Department, and the Goodlettsville Administration Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Emergency Communications Center who responded are Chad Barrow, Lori Bentley, Kristi Carter, Lisa Fulton, Denise Grant, Mark Hutchison, Brian Long, Justin Moncrief, Caleb Niemietz, Amanda Sluss, Tabitha Snider, and Hal Weese; and

WHEREAS, those who responded from the Sumner County Emergency Management Agency are Director Ken Weidner, Jimmy Templeton, Brandon Clark, Daryl Templeton, K9 Handler Tim Perry, and K9 Handler Suzy Perry; Chief of the Southeast Community Volunteer Fire Department Mickey Summers also assisted; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Sheriff's Office contributed the efforts of Major Carl Edison, Captain Don Badacour, Captain Dwayne Wright, Lieutenant John Brake, Detective Ron Brawner, Deputy Scott Martin, Deputy Darren Roseberry, Deputy Ricky Templeton, Deputy Kevin Brewer, Deputy Chris Burgett, Deputy Lisa Byington, Deputy Billy Cothran, Deputy Brian Hutcherson, Deputy Robert Jennings, Deputy Tim Sebring, Deputy Frank Winslow, Deputy Mike McLerran, Deputy Geoffrey DePriest, Deputy Brandon Clark, Deputy Dustin Hood, Deputy Justin Downs, Deputy Keisha Wilson, Deputy Ron Parker, Deputy Eddie Cripps, Deputy Elaine Bomar, Deputy Jermey Grenet, Deputy Bob Weidner, Deputy B.J. Brown, Deputy Dean Davis, Deputy Ron Parker, Jr., Deputy Matt Holst, Dispatcher Ja'net Geche, Dispatcher Cynthia King, and Dispatcher Jena Copeland; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gallatin Fire Department who responded are Chief Billy Crook, Shift Captain Larry Fuqua, Engineer Henry Shaw, Firefighter Ben Harris, Firefighter Tyler Case, Shift Captain Robert Richie, Engineer Darrick York, Firefighter Rick Donley, Assistant Chief Tom Dale, Captain Larry Meadors, Firefighter Chad Meadors, Firefighter Ben West, Fire Marshal Stan Gwaltney, Firefighter Mike McFarland, Captain Mickey Summers, Engineer Rodney Pryor, Firefighter Mario Mendoza, and Firefighter Rich Goddard; and

WHEREAS, the Gallatin Police Department sent personnel to both Sumner County and Macon County. In Sumner County, Chief John Tisdale, Commander Bill Sorrells, Officer James McFadden, K9 Officer Jerry Carpenter, Field Training Officer Billy Vahldiek, Officer Mark

Whitley, Officer Jessica Wilkinson, Officer Scottie King, Officer James Kemp, Officer Leslie Forewright, Officer Kevin Jackson, Sergeant Shane Woodard, Sergeant Don Bandy, Officer Greg Washburn, Officer Alan Jones, Officer Brad Tracy, Officer James Sharp, Officer Keith Stockdale, Investigator Chris Shockley, Lieutenant Lamar Ballard, Investigator Joe Russell, Investigator Charlie Harris, Sergeant Rickey Troup, Dispatcher Emily Renz, and Dispatcher June Stewart helped; in Macon County, Field Training Officer James Stinson, Officer Kevin Barker, Officer Michael Tinker, Officer Daniel Steakin, Officer Kris Ford, Officer Greg Washburn, Officer Kenneth Dixon, Officer Vince Marquez, Investigator Bobby Harris, Lieutenant Bill Sorrells, Officer Brad Tracy, Officer Alan Jones, Officer Rich Evans, Officer Jeff Sircy, Officer James McFadden, Officer Brad Leath, Officer Jessica Wright, Officer James Kemp, Officer Scottie King, Officer Leslie Forewright, K9 Officer Jerry Carpenter, Officer Paul Thompson, Investigator Danny Deyhle, Emergency Vehicle Driver Tech Melissa Proctor, Investigator Chris Shockley, and Officer Vanessa Zirock helped; and

WHEREAS, those from White House Community Volunteer Fire Department Station 51 who assisted are District Chief and Chaplain Michael "Spanky" Scott, Firefighter Joe Williams, Firefighter Josh Burns, Chaplain Jon Briggs, Firefighter Jacob Coleman, Junior Firefighter Jason Williams, Junior Firefighter Cody Coleman, and Junior Firefighter Nick Mudd; and

WHEREAS, the Gallatin Public Works Department contributed the efforts of Ronnie Stiles, Roger Thurber, Jeff Starnes, Jimmy Loper, Curtis Brummett, Brent Kendall, James Burton, Benny Tillman, Michael Robertson, John Bush, John Drury, Jackie Gregory, Jimmy McCall, Tyrone Bartlett, Danny Marsella, Danny Lyles, Donald Carter, Brian Kendall, Jesse Key, Ben Edds, Kevin Woodall, David Cook, Mike Parker, Gary Taylor, Joe Weaver, Frank Sircy, Jonathan Piccone, Larry Moore, Rory Turner, Brandon Key, Rosemary Reed, James Ladd, Hugh Bass, Jason Williams, Rick Barton, and Mark Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hendersonville Police Department who responded are Officer Bill Frentz, Master Patrol Officer James Holcombe, Officer Jim Bachman, Communications Officer Jennifer Dorris, Master Patrol Officer Michael Dunn, Master Patrol Officer Curtis Getchel, Master Patrol Officer Tim Torok, Communications Officer Lora Boyter, Sergeant Bob Fohrd, Master Patrol Officer David Holscher, Master Patrol Officer Russ Lara,

Communications Officer Marti Biliunas, Officer Marshall Furman, Officer James Manning, Officer Felipe Pulliam, Master Patrol Officer Seneca Smith, Officer Ryan Frazier, Officer Chris Gagnon, Corporal Mike Germany, Officer Jason Steffy, Officer David Irwin, Master Patrol Officer Jeff Tarkington, Sergeant Barry Russell, Officer Denny Ellis, Officer Ed Williams, and Detective Neal Harris; and

WHEREAS, from the Hendersonville Fire Department, Gary Parker, Clyde Chambers, Randy Compton, Jerry Bilbrey, Andy Cook, David Herrington, and Jonathon Turner helped; and

WHEREAS, those from the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department who assisted are Chief Mark Jenkins, Assistant Chief Tim Shelton, Captain Kevin Bandy, Lieutenant Rick Myers, Lieutenant Larry Gross, Lieutenant Eric Harrison, Lieutenant Brad Penick, Firefighter Scott Vantrease, Firefighter Phil Crook, Firefighter Todd Camp, Firefighter Tim Reagan, Firefighter Brandon Gross, Firefighter Sean Milam, Firefighter Brandon Carter, Firefighter Jeremy Akins, Firefighter Brent Simons, Firefighter Chris Bandy, Firefighter Devin Branham, Firefighter Tony Isenburg, and Firefighter Jeremy Troutt; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westmoreland contributed the efforts of Police Chief Deneise Etheridge, Sergeant Wayne Stewart, Patrol Officer Chris Blankenship, and Patrol Officer Karl Haynie; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Goodlettsville Police Department who responded are Talisa Cowden, Charlene Busta, Kim Campbell, Monica Jones, Jay Luthy, Tim Hitt, Jason DeLoach, James Driver, Albert Vincent, Brian Matthews, Linda Evans, and Kendra Johnson; and

WHEREAS, from the Goodlettsville Fire Department, Captain Dean Birdwell, Engineer Ron Neely, Firefighter Ben McCoy, Firefighter Mac Lassiter, Firefighter Matt Hall, Firefighter Jimmy Gilley, Brenda Bell, Jon Briggs, Matthew Burge, Phillip Gibson, James Hicks, Steven Holland, John Michael Poss, and Johnny Roberson responded; and

WHEREAS, those from the Goodlettsville Public Works Department who assisted are Sterling Brenneis, Andy Garrett, John Hancock, Raymond Harrell, Roger Hunter, Jeff Justice Tommy Lambert, Mike Lankford, Wayne Stubblefield, and Andy Wilburn; and

WHEREAS, the Goodlettsville Administration Department contributed the efforts of Claudia Davis, Dawn Freeman, Tommy DeLoach, Mike Duffer, Donnie Barnes, Bobby Richards, Jan Lanius, Linda Moss, Ann Crawford, Vicky Ignatz, Phillip Uldrich, Barbara Burton, and Glenn Burton; and

WHEREAS, the Macon County Sheriff's Department was given invaluable assistance from the sheriff's departments of Montgomery County, Unicoi County, Fentress County, Sumner County, Clay County, Robertson County, Jackson County, Green County, Putnam County, Overton County, Wilson County, Dickson County, and Macon County; the police departments of Gallatin, Bean Station, Carthage, Lebanon, Ashland City, Red Boiling Springs, and Hendersonville; law enforcement officials from Hartsville and Trousdale County; the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and the City of LaFayette; and

WHEREAS, the LaFayette Fire Department benefited from the time and energies donated by the fire departments of Celina, Eagleville, Fairgrounds, Gallatin, Goodlettsville, Hartsville, Hermitage Springs, Lebanon, Livingston, Mooretown, Moss, Mount Vernon, Nashville, Simpson County (Kentucky), South Allen (Kentucky), Southeast, Watertown, Westmoreland, and Willette; the volunteer fire departments of Allon, Alpine, Hardy's Chapel, Hilham, Muddy Pond, and Rickman; and the emergency management agencies of Smith County, Sumner County, and Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, the following organizations donated ambulance services during and after the storm: Overton County, Jackson County, Putnam County, Clay County, Smith County, Allen County (Kentucky), Pro Med, and Macon County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the LaFayette Fire Department were also assisted by the members of the following rescue squads: Jackson County Rescue Squad, West Macon Rescue Squad, Macon County Rescue Squad, Putnam County Rescue Squad, and Overton Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer members of the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency (WEMA) K9 Search and Rescue Team and Fire Department who offered assistance were WEMA Director Jerry McFarland, Melissa Riley, Cameron Kendrick, Butch Lyle, Michael Fay, Sr., Lisa Parks, Janet Bushbaum, Nikki Rose, Tom Rose, Jason Peacher, and their

courageous canine service members Stormy, Maggie, Guinness, Champ, Belay, and Nina.

They were accompanied by WEMA Fire Department members Andy Bates, Karl Wegner, David Harmon, and Robbie Bennett; and

WHEREAS, also providing invaluable assistance on that fateful day were: Captain – Deputy ME Jay Austin; Communications Captain Vincent Riley; Director – Paramedic Keith Douglas; Dispatchers Rick Donley, Bryan Neal, Heather Olsen; EMT – IVs Bobby Brown, Ashley Choate, Kevin Civils, Jerry Denton, Angie Graves, Kristy Gross, Michael Hopper, Stephen Johnson, L.J. Millington, Kim Mocic, Jason Montgomery, Jessica Nuckols, Dwayne Patrick, Brad Rowell, Eric Sample, Tim Smith, Jason Snyder, Kenny Summers, and Stephen Williams; IT Manager – Paramedic Mike Cook; Lieutenant – Paramedics Jamie Blair and Sam Clark; Operations Manager – Paramedic Barry Clardy; Shift Captain – Paramedic Sean Frary; Paramedics Matt Batey, Chris Bellavia, Heather Birdwell, Chad Bridges, Shane Clifford, Robb Demass, Jake Edgar, Patrick Foster, Dana R. Frary, Derreck Gasser, Jeremy Hagewood, Dean Hall, Cheryl Hopper, Richard Krampotich, Honey Krokosky, Scott Meece, Gary Mehoczky, Jim Pollard, Fay Snow, Mark Toboika, Mike White, and Neal Wilson; and Transport Manager Beverly Pardue; and

WHEREAS, all these stalwart citizens performed their duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism. They epitomize the spirit and commitment that characterize true Tennesseans, and their service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend all the men and women who came to the assistance of those in Macon, Sumner, and Trousdale Counties after the tornadoes of February 5, 2008, for their heroic and meritorious service, as we offer our sincere thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.